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PRESS RELEASE

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The Manchester Health Department Announces Flu Shot Clinics for High-Risk Individuals

The Manchester Health Department has scheduled two flu shot clinics for high-risk individuals during the following times:

Tuesday, December 6, 2005: 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2005: 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The clinics will be held by appointment. The fee for an adult flu shot is \$15.00. Flu shots for high-risk children are free of charge. Individuals meeting the high-risk criteria outlined below, should call the Manchester Health Department at 624-6466 to schedule an appointment. The high-risk criteria is as follows:

- Persons aged 65 and older
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Persons aged 2-64 years with a serious medical condition
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6-23 months
- Health care personnel who provide direct patient care (including EMS workers)
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children younger than 6 months

Police officers and firefighters are also eligible to receive the flu vaccine. Additional flu shot clinics will be scheduled at the Manchester Health Department, pending the availability of flu vaccine. For additional flu clinics, one may contact Ask-A-Nurse at 626-2626 or Elliot-On-Call at 663-4567.

For additional information on flu vaccine and the prevention of influenza, please contact the Manchester Health Department at 624-6466.

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